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FROM USREP ICAO

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SUBJ: ICAO - SENEGAL PROPOSAL RE ELECTION OF COUNCIL

FOLLOWING COUNCIL REPS HAVE ADVISED USREP THAT THEY ARE STRONGLY
OPPOSED TO SENEGAL PROPOSAL AS SET FORTH IN CWP-5910 AND THAT
THEY EXPECT INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS TO
OPPOSE AND VOTE AGAINST. UK, FRANCE, NORWAY, CANADA, GERMANY,
ITAL6, JAPAN, LEBANON, ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, MEXICO, NICARAGUA,
USSR AND CZECHO (WITH US) MAKES 15. US REP ALSO HAS REASON TO
THINK THAT COLOMBIA WILL ACCOMPANY THE SPANISH-SPEAKING BLOC AND
EGYPT AND TUNISIA WILL TAKE A NEGATIVE POSITION, IF RPT IF LEFT TO
CONTROL OF COUNCIL REPS, SPANISH REP IS STRONGLY OPPOSED BUT
SQUEAMSIV REGARDING COUNCIL SEAT. UKREP FEELS SURE THAT SPAIN WILL
JOIN WITH OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ESPECIALLY IF LA BLOC REMAINS
FIRMLY NEGATIVE. NETHERLANDS REP STRONGLY OPPOSED BUT IN VIEW
OF VOTE DOWN AT LAST ASSEMBLY, NETHERLANDS GOVT VERY LIKELY
ABSTUIN. AUSTRALIA LIKEWISE REMEMBERING VOTE-DOWN IN PART I AT
LAST ASSEMBLY MAY RPT MAY TRY ACCOMMODATE AFRICAN BLOC BUT
PRESENT REP ANGERLY OUTSPOKEN AGAINST PROPOSAL. PAKISTAN, INDIA
AND TRINIDAD-TOBAGO UNKNOWN QUANTITIES. TT REP VERY OPPOSED
AFRICAN TACTICS IN COUNCIL. INDONESIA WILL VOTE WITH FOUR
AFRICAN REPS IN FAVOR WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH HIS NOTICEABLE
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CHANGE IN ATTITUDE THIS SESSION WHICH ACCOMMODATES AFRICANS.

BELGIUM IS CAUSE OF CURRENT PROBLEM STEMMING FROM MAJOR DEVELOPMENT.

2. BELGIUM REP HAS APPROACHED ALMOST ALL COUNCIL REPS SUGGESTING THAT "AN ALTERNATIVE" BE CONSIDERED AS A NEGOTIATING MEASURE TO APPEASE DIALLO: HE SUGGESTS THAT THE COUNCIL BE INCREASED BY SIX SEATS TO 36. BELGIUM IS AFRAID OF LOSING ITS SEAT SHOULD THE SENEGAL PROPOSAL GO THROUGH OR ANY OTHER DECISION BE MADE THAT WOULD RESULT IN DECREASED REPRESENTATION IN PARTS I AND II. HIS "ALTERNATIVE" OBVIOUSLY DESIGNED TO PROVIDE "SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE". USREP TAKING STRONG POSITION (A) THAT INCREASE IN COUNCIL IS NOT RPT NOT AN "ALTERNATIVE". IT IS A SEPARATE, INDEPENDENT PROPOSAL WHICH IF AN WHEN MADE WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE LIGHT OF ALL OF THE RAMIFICATIONS PRO AND CON AT THE TIME; (B) THAT HISTORICALLY THE US HAS OPPOSED INCREASES IN THE COUNCIL (C) AND THAT USREP ANTICIPATES INSTRUCTIONS TO OPPOSE ANY EFFORT TO ASSOCIATE AN INCREASE IN COUNCIL WITH THE WITHDRAWAL OR MODIFICATION OF THE SENEGAL PROPOSAL. FYI. IN OPINION USREP, THIS WOULD BE VERY BAD NEGOTIATING PRECEDENT. END FYC.

3. STRONG MAJORITY BUILDING TO DEFEAT SENEGAL PROPOSAL IF TABLED AS PRESENTLY SET FORTH. CAN BE DEFEATED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY BUT CERTAINLY CAN BE DEFEATED IF STATUTORY MAJORITY REQUESTED (WHICH IT WILL NEVER RECEIVE).

3. USREP SUGGESTS THAT REPRESENTATIONS BE MADE IN BRUSSELS
TM STOP BELGIUM PRESENTATIONS ON COUNCIL INCREASE.
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